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NO WONDER IT GROWS.

Elements Which Have Contributed to the Success of The Times.
That The Times is above all other papers the newspaper of the people of the District of Columbia is again demonstrated by the remarkable increase of circulation during the past week shown in the attached statement. Advertisers who have during the past year made contracts with The Times on the basis of the circulation which it had at the time made, are continually reaping the benefits of its steady and ascending growth.

There are excellent reasons for this increase in popularity which The Times has enjoyed. It has continued to speak honestly, openly and fairly on every public question. Its detractors and enemies are only those whose selfish interests have been attacked for the public good.

The experiment, absolutely unique in journalism, of publishing a sixteen page paper in two parts for less than the price of any other one Washington newspaper has been a wonderful success. The news of the day is delivered fresh from the presses and reaches readers within one to twelve hours of its occurrence, and is always just twelve hours ahead of its competitors. No wonder The Times grows.

The circulation of The Times for the week ending December 8, 1895, was as follows:
Monday, Dec. 2, 35,752
Tuesday, Dec. 3, 35,863
Wednesday, Dec. 4, 35,818
Thursday, Dec. 5, 35,811
Friday, Dec. 6, 35,811
Saturday, Dec. 7, 35,824
Sunday, Dec. 8, 22,961
Total, 237,821

I solemnly swear that the above is a correct statement of the daily circulation of THE WASHINGTON TIMES for the week ending December 8, 1895, and that all the copies were actually sold or mailed for a valuable consideration and delivered to bona fide purchasers or subscribers, who, that none of them were returned or remain in the office undelivered.

J. MILTON YOUNG, Cashier.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 9th day of December, A. D. 1895.
ERNEST G. THOMPSON,
Notary Public.

A PROPOSED INVESTIGATION.

The impression has long prevailed that one of our Commissioners has been using his position to further his private affairs, and this morning The Times prefers its first charge against him as a means of converting that impression into a fact. It would be absolutely impossible for any prominent business man to be honored with an official position like that of Commissioner without, in some way, connecting the duties of his office with his personal affairs. But there is no necessity for him to endeavor to dispose of unprofitable property to the public, as did Commissioner Truesdell, or to discriminate in favor of a corporation that could be induced to purchase it, as did the entire board of Commissioners when a permit was granted the Potomac Power and Light Company to erect overhead wires to connect the Truesdell Beckington electric plant with its Georgetown concern.

It is reported that Congress proposes to inaugurate an investigation of some of our District affairs. Possibly there may be nothing to correct, but an inquiry into some of the methods employed in disbursing public money and letting bids and contracts would do no harm. It might be well to ascertain why the Division is allowed to exist, when frequent prosecutions are made of less culpable persons under the Edmunds law; and it would also be advisable to find out why lawless houses are permitted to sell liquor without license at all times of day and night, when reputable persons are compelled to pay a license fee of \$400 per year.

The offense of Commissioner Truesdell in trying to promote his personal interests through the influence of his office is insignificant compared to the harm done the general public in other ways at District headquarters. It is not the province of an official to enter into the details of such questions, but before Congress begins its investigation The Times will make

public some of the developments to be expected.

UTOPIAN FANCIES.

The publication of the full text of Embassador Bayard's speech in Edinburgh for which Representative Barrett wants him impeached, shows that he made a plausible argument in favor of "Individual Freedom." But the theory be advanced can never be put in practice, and it is doubtful if a millennium would give us the privileges he so ably advocates. Take his argument against the eight-hour law. He said:

"It is impossible for me to comprehend how it can be considered practicable or right and just to limit and fix by a general public law, rigorously and indiscriminately, the same measure of time during which a man shall be allowed to work for all descriptions of labor, regardless of the special interests of the different occupations, and to compress all contracts for labor into such a uniform cast-iron arrangement. Labor is the universal creator of property, and if a man cannot be secure in his own rights to use and control his own labor he can no longer be called a free man."

It is an economical and physical impossibility for man to control his own labor. We are all servants, and depend upon each others efforts to exist. Independence, as argued by Mr. Bayard, would render society a hubbub of clamoring liberty shouters, and there would be neither peace nor contentment in any of our relations with each other.

Laws fixing the hours of labor are enacted to protect wage-earners from the capriciousness of employers. They are framed to grant "Individual Freedom," and not to destroy it. Wage-earners are dependent upon employers, and unless their hours of labor are regulated by law employers would take advantage of their position and demand, as has been done, unreasonable service.

Mr. Bayard's argument against socialism is also a utopian fancy of a theoretical mind. The rapid growth of trusts to control trade and commerce are developing a socialistic sentiment that must be recognized. When a trust prohibits competition the public can devise no way to rid itself of the burden except to own and operate its own gas plant, and this same argument applies to street railways, railroads, telephone and telegraph lines, and all other corporations which deal directly with the public.

All talk of impeaching Embassador Bayard is political humbug. Nor is it at all likely that President Cleveland would consent to ensure him, to say nothing of a recall. Nothing short of death will vacate one of the President's appointments, as is evidenced in Recorder Taylor's case, and as Mr. Bayard is a favorite there is little prospect of his being deposed. While it cannot be truthfully claimed that Embassador Bayard is firing the British heart with an overwhelming enthusiasm for America's glory, the fact remains that as a sort of transatlantic station for forwarding the utterances of President Cleveland he fully answers the purpose. Perhaps this is all any Embassador could do.

SINS OF THE FATHERS-IN-LAW.
"La Grande Nation," as the French love to call themselves, is sometimes what the late lamented Artemus Ward used to say of his kangaroo—"a amousin' little cuss." For in no serious mood can the agitation about the antecedents of President Faure's father-in-law be regarded. Even Frenchmen themselves, one would think, would hardly take "an serious" the contention that because a half hundred years ago Mme. Faure's papa had been guilty of some peccadillo for which he was sentenced to a term of imprisonment—which, however, he never served, for the reason that he died before he could be taken to prison—therefore President Faure ought to make way for another.

The fact, however, that this matter is discussed in the French newspapers with seeming seriousness, raises the question to what extent a man may become disqualified for the assumption of a public trust through the shortcomings not only of his own ancestors, but those of his wife and his wife's relations. Now, if the great-grandmother of the beloved spouse's fourth cousin had eloped with the coachman? Would this be regarded as an insurmountable obstacle in the way of the husband's honorable ambition to be elected a justice of the peace? Or, would the incarceration of her great-uncle's brother-in-law for stealing an umbrella forever block the husband's march to public preferment?

Nobody has even breathed a suspicion against the integrity and perfect honor of President Faure himself. So far as the public is aware he has always conducted himself like an honorable gentleman and no bluish stain has his character. What absurdity, therefore, to question his fitness for his position because his father-in-law at some time forsook the narrow path of rectitude and went astray.

RESERVED SEATS.

This blessed country is chock full of genius running to seed. It pops up in the most unexpected places and originates the most astounding propositions. In fact, one feels never quite safe from it, for it is liable to present itself in all sorts of guises and yells of assent to the most extraordinary things. This by way of prelude.

The bad air in the Senate chamber has long been a matter of comment and complaint, on the part of both Senators and public. It is generated, of course, when the Senate is at work doing nothing and the people present to see that it does that right. The problem has long been considered how to purify the atmosphere of the "fogbank" and all suggestions have been found impracticable.

Now, however, a gentleman, who rejoices in the euphonious patronymic of Woodbridge, appears upon the scene, and to solve the vexatious problem is just as easy to him as rolling off a log. He would remove the time-honored benches in the galleries and substitute opera chairs with hollow legs which could be used as fresh air ducts—and there you are.

Right here is where the genius part of the business comes in. Our Woodbridge wants to number these chairs, and on occasions when some particularly interesting performance would be going on and the people specially interested, give the Senators the opportunity to reserve the numbered chairs for their relatives and friends. At present only about one-half of the gallery space is thus reserved; with Woodbridge's chairs all of it could be set apart, and the great masses of the people excluded.

Great scheme this of Woodbridge's reserved Senatorial seats, but too undemocratic, too un-American to find favor.

FOR A LOW RATE OF SPEED.
The proposition to increase the speed of our street cars from nine to twelve miles an hour should be rejected by the Commissioners. Compared to other cities, there are fewer street railway casualties in Washington than elsewhere, and the reason for this happy exemption from frequent accidents is because our cars are run at a lower rate of speed.

Most accidents are the result of the reckless manner in which passengers try to jump on or off street cars, and the more rapid a car is run the greater the liability to life or limb. Then, again, the rate of speed should never be so high that a car cannot be stopped within its length. This cannot be done when it travels more than seven or eight miles an hour.

What street car patrons want is protection from danger. Necessity compels them to ride in the cars while traveling from one locality to another, and when the risk is excessive they do not feel like riding. The Commissioners will do well to diminish rather than increase the present rate of speed.

Among other things, St. Louis is building a new brewery in anticipation of the convention.

It is now necessary for every New York woman to have an escort to protect her from the police.

We learn from the New York Press that furnished bloomers will soon be in demand.

The Hon. "Roaring Bill" Chandler seems to be at peace.

Mr. Cleveland, President, regards life as one grand, sweet hunting song.

GONE A DUCKING.

Daddy gone a ducking.
That's our Grover.
Fished he did all summer.
Born to be a rover.
Can't settle down you see.
So the people wonder
Why he's off a ducking—
"Pretty way, by thunder."
Can't this Congress fix a pond
Round the White House lot,
Full of ducks and fishes,
In some convenient spot?
Then we'll keep our Grover
Safe from winter weather.
And all risk and danger
Ducking here together.
ONE OF THE DUCKS.

Your Last Chance!

Today our great Factory Sale closes.
Come early if you want one of those splendid Suits or Overcoats at our Factory Sale prices.
We may never be able to sell at such prices again.

Superlative Suits, \$8
Magnificent Overcoats, \$9

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Under Metropolitan Hotel.

Walter B. Williams & Co., Auctioneers.

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By order of the
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Elegant Silver-plated Ware,
great variety of styles; Rogers' Celebrated Cutlery of every description; French Mante Clocks, Banquet Lamps, Bronzes, Opera Glasses, and many useful articles suitable for presents.

At our
SALESROOM, CORNER 10TH AND D STS., FACING PENNA. AVE.
Sales Daily.
AT 11 O'CLOCK A. M., 3 AND 7:30 O'CLOCK P. M.

Ladies are particularly invited, and chairs will be provided for their comfort. Out-of-town purchasers can have their goods packed free of charge. Every article strictly guaranteed as represented, or money refunded.

J. P. HALL, Manager.
Taunton Silver Plate Company.
WALTER B. WILLIAMS & CO., Auctioneers.
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Diamonds,
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Cut Glass,
Clocks & Watches, Onyx Tables.
Sterling Silver,
Rings & Ornaments,
Banquet Lamps,
A small payment reserves any article until Xmas.

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They must think you're deaf



—or doubtful—and you're wise to be both. They shout at the top of their lungs about reductions from regular prices—and are seen in the market the next minute buying for their honest (?) offerings. Shades of Ananias! But a plain statement does the business here. Whys and wherefores are freely given. When we say take the choice of Suits that have been

\$13.50, \$12.50 and \$10, you know they have actually been in stock—and that the cut is from existing prices—not imaginary markings.

Everybody jumps at such a chance. While any of the 1,600 suits we set aside for a sacrifice last, they'll go at

\$7.00

Somebody wanted to know if there were any Plain Blacks among 'em. Yes, lots of 'em.

We didn't know but we had loaded up a little too heavily with Overcoats. No danger now. Weren't they piled in here thick, tho'—and aren't they thinning out fast?

That tells the story of goodness and cheapness.


\$7.00 here is same as \$10 somewhere else
\$13.00 here is same as \$20 or \$100 at the tonkest tailors.

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\$2 FOR \$1

Overcoats and Suits.

\$10.00 Men's All-wool Suits, \$4.50	 PORTRAIT OF MR. TENNILLE. \$4 Boys' Cape Overcoats, Now \$2.	\$10.00 Overcoat— now \$4.50
\$12.00 Men's Suits, Single or Double breasted, \$5.75		\$12.00 Overcoat— now \$5.75

Double Knee Pants, 18c
Children's Suits, \$3.00. Now, \$1.50

Men's All-wool Pants, \$1.35.

TENNILLE, Union Clothier and Furnisher,
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Toys and Gifts!

We are ready for the Holiday Rush. SANTA CLAUS will be here daily from 8 a. m. until closing time with his usual stupendous array of Toys and Gifts for the little children and the bigger ones, too. Come today with the children—all of them.

Girls' Sleds, 3 styles, 28c	Blackboards, 3 styles, 28c
Decks with double Blackboards, 67c	8 styles Decorated Dinner Sets, 112 pieces, latest designs, \$7.12
Dolls' Toy Chairs, 3c	Gold band French China Tea Sets, 56 pieces, \$3.82
Barrels, 14c	Plush seat and back Rocking Chairs, 76c
Wire Wheel Toys, \$1.21, 1.37, 1.63	Children's Chairs or Rockers, full size, 16c
Iron Axle Painted Wagons, 76c	Extra large size Toy Tea Sets, 23c
Upholstered Doll Carriages, 18c	All 98c Iron Toys reduced to 40c
Kid body and Bisque head Dolls, 9c	All 49c Iron and Wood Toys
Wash Sets complete, 8c	Tree Ornaments, per dozen
Exact model of a Mississippi Side-wheel Steamer, 10c	Unpainted Solid Oak Blacking Cases, 71c
Patrol Wagon with 6 men, 2 horses and bell, 17c	

S. W. AUGENSTEIN, 439 7th St. NW

THEY THANKED THE TIMES.

District Woman's Suffrage Society Indicates Its Gratitude.
Editor Times: I am requested to inform you—which I do with pleasure—that the District Woman's Suffrage Association at its regular meeting this evening passed a vote of thanks to The Times for its generosity in giving the typesetting, without cost to the association, on Mrs. H. W.

K. Goff's paper on "Suffrage in the District of Columbia."

MARY H. WILLIAMS, Secretary.
Where the Ships Are.
The training ship Essex called Thursday at St. Thomas, West Indies, for Yorktown, Va. The torpedo boat Cushing arrived at New York yesterday from Newport.

CROCKER'S "Over-stock" sale.

SPECIAL FOR PARENTS.

Today—Saturday—we offer the parents of this city an opportunity to save 10 and 15 per cent on their Shoe purchases.

This applies to all our Children's and MISSES' SPRING HEEL Shoes.

Let's remind you that during this reduction sale all our \$2.50 BOYS' Shoes are reduced to only

\$1.85.

CROCKER'S 939 Pa. Ave.
Shoes Cleaned Without Charge. Open Until 10 Tonight.

AMUSEMENTS. AMUSEMENTS.
CONVENTION HALL,
Tuesday, Dec. 17, 8 o'clock p. m.
The Grandest of all Oratorios, Handel's

"THE MESSIAH,"

The Annual Festival Concert by
THE CHORAL SOCIETY,
Prof. H. C. Sherman, Director, assisted by
Miss Charlotte Macdonald, soprano; Miss Ruth Thompson, contralto; Mr. E. C. Towne, tenor; Dr. Carl Duff, bass; all of New York.

Accompanied by
THE WASHINGTON SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA.
Reserved Seats, 50c and 75c and \$1. at Ellis & Co., 937 Pa. ave. N. W.

AMUSEMENTS. AMUSEMENTS.
THE Teachers' Bazaar
Will be open
Saturday, from 10 a. m. to 11 p. m.
The splendid Art Loan Collection is on exhibition.

VIRGINIA Jockey Club.
ST. ASAPH, VA.
Commencing on Nov. 6 the first race will be called at 2 p. m. sharp. Special trains will leave Penn. Depot, 6th and B streets northwest, at 1 and 1:30 p. m.
E. E. DOWHAM, President.
HENRY SCHULTZ, Secretary.

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\$1 All-linen Tablecloth, 69c. As a special

has with and colored border, is fringed all round and is full 4-quarter.

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40 lb. (uncrushed), \$2.00
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Delivered to any part of the city.

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Meals, 15 and 25c.
Families supplied with salt water oysters by the quart or gallon.
Ice cream wholesale and retail.

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The Most Delicious Table Water.
Per gallon in Demijohns 25c. In bottles, 15c.

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Norfolk and Washington Steamboat Co.

Every day in the year for Forties M. 1. Norfolk, Portsmouth, and all points South and Southwest by the powerful new iron paddle steamers, "Newport," "Norfolk," and "Washington," leaving daily on the following schedule:

Southbound. Northbound.
L. F. Washington 7:30 pm. L. F. Portsmouth 6:50 pm.
L. F. Norfolk 7:30 pm. L. F. Norfolk 6:10 pm.
L. F. Portsmouth 7:30 pm. L. F. Norfolk 7:30 pm.
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Tickets on sale at \$15, \$10, \$5, \$2.50, \$1.25, \$0.625, \$0.3125, \$0.15625, \$0.078125, \$0.0390625, \$0.01953125, \$0.009765625, \$0.0048828125, \$0.00244140625, \$0.001220703125, \$0.0006103515625, \$0.00030517578125, \$0.000152587890625, \$0.0000762939453125, \$0.00003814697265625, \$0.000019073486328125, \$0.0000095367431640625, \$0.00000476837158203125, \$0.000002384185791015625, \$0.0000011920928955078125, \$0.00000059604644775390625, \$0.000000298023223876953125, \$0.0000001490116119384765625, \$0.00000007450580596923828125, \$0.000000037252902984619140625, \$0.0000000186264514923095703125, \$0.00000000931322574615478515625, \$0.000000004656612873077392578125, \$0.0000000023283064365386962890625, \$0.00000000116415321826934814453125, \$0.000000000582076609134674072265625, \$0.0000000002910383045673370361328125, \$0.00000000014551915228366851806640625, \$0.000000000072759576141834259033203125, \$0.0000000000363797880709171295166015625, \$0.00000000001818989403545856475830078125, \$0.000000000009094947017729282379150390625, \$0.0000000000045474735088646121895751953125, \$0.00000000000227373675443230609478759765625, \$0.000000000001136868377216153047393798828125, \$0.0000000000005684341886080765236968994140625, \$0.00000000000028421709430403826184844970703125, \$0.000000000000142108547152019130924224853515625, \$0.000000000000071054273576009565462112426778125, \$0.0000000000000355271367880047827310562133890625, \$0.00000000000001776356839400239136552810669453125, \$0.000000000000008881784197001195682764053347265625, \$0.0000000000000044408920985005978413820266736328125, \$0.00000000000000222044604925029892069101333681640625, \$0.000000000000001110223024625149460345506668408203125, \$0.0000000000000005551115123125747301727503334041015625, \$0.00000000000000027755575615628736508637516670205078125, \$0.000000000000000138777878078143682543187583351025390625, \$0.00000000000000006938893903907184127159379167551025390625, \$0.0000000000000000346944695195359206357968958377551025390625, \$0.00000000